

## **Rainier Beach Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC)**

### **MEETING SUMMARY**

November 17, 2010 6pm-7:30pm

Rainier Beach Public Library

#### **ATTENDEES**

**NAC Members:** Cheryl dos Remedios, Christie Coxley, David Sauvion, Gregory Davis, Harry Hoffman, Margaret Yellowwolf, Matt Kozleski, Paul Lee, Peter Masundire, Rodolfo Castillo

**Public Members:** Katheryn Flake, Justina Guyott, Beverly Tookas, Maureen Johnson

**City Staff:** Nora Liu (DPD), Pamela Banks (DON), Kerry Wade (DON), Sebhat Tenna (DON), David Godberg (DPD), Tony Mazzella (SDOT), Sara Robertson (SDOT), Sam Woods (SDOT), Celeste Duncan (SPU), Shannon Kelleher (SPU), Julie Crittenden (SPU), Keith Hinman (SPU).  
(sign-in sheet?)

**Goal of meeting:** Department overviews/framing structure of work

#### **October Meeting Minutes**

- Meeting minutes were approved. Minutes will be posted on the web site.

#### **Community Report Out**

- Will begin doing at next meeting....chance to get news out

#### **Review Next Steps from last Meeting** (what was accomplished; what is pending; any updates)

- Will get agendas/notes out in timely manner in the future
- List of restaurants was collected

#### **Absences**

- Discussion continued from last meeting. It is agreed that three absences in a 6-month period would result in conversation about replacing a member. Alternate would take place at that point.
- Alternates need to attend meetings so they are ready to step in and the same consequences apply to alternates who miss three meetings.
- Absences do not need to be consecutive.
- Teleconferencing in to the meeting will not be counted as an absence.
- Calling or e-mailing in does not excuse absence.
- City is still looking for new members for the NAC. NAC members can assist in recruiting additional members. Final determination on seating new members will need be made by

DON & DPD directors.

## **Consensus Decision Making Process**

Distributed copies of information on consensus decision making process.

## **Introduction to City Departments:**

### **Seattle Dept. of Transportation (SDOT)**

- SDOT distributed hand-outs, maps and brochures. Asked members to fill out on-line transit survey.
- SDOT is currently working on Pedestrian Master Plan and Bike Master Plan projects in Southeast. Also currently doing a Transit Master Plan. A Southeast Transportation Study is also underway. All of these plans influence SDOT workplan. Decisions are dependent on available funding, however.
- NAC member asked about funding. SDOT replied that not all projects get funding, Neighborhood Project Fund does pay for some projects. SDOT has to prioritize all projects. Three major ways projects are funded: through Master Plans, Neighborhood Street Fund and Neighborhood Matching Fund.
- A NAC member asked for guidance in prioritizing in the neighborhood plan...should they prioritize based on most likely to get funding? SDOT replied they should create wish list, and then work with SDOT to find funds. Prioritization process will include input from many community members, not just NAC members.
- NAC member asked about Planning Commission report and Transit Benefit District. SDOT stated these plans mesh well with work they are trying to accomplish. Very early to know how benefit district will work out.
- SDOT is currently doing work on bus bulbs and rechannelization on Rainier. Also looking for funding to do other projects through grants. Hoping to get funding to build and improve sidewalks and do work on Mapes Creek Walkway. Master Plans identify areas of needs, which are prioritized and then aligned with possible funding/grants. The community advocates and prioritizes possible projects
- NAC member asked how projects were tracked. Various groups in SDOT keep track of projects they are working on. The City is working on tracking system for all large capital projects in order to better coordinate work.

### **Seattle Public Utilities (SPU)**

- SPU has three lines of business: Drinking water, solid waste and drainage/waste water. Deliver water to 1.4 million people. Collect garbage and provide recycling and yard waste pick-up. Goal is 60% recycling, currently just over 50%. Work to prevent flooding due to increase in impervious surfaces due to increased development through natural methods. Phone number (206-386-1800) provided to report flooding and back-ups.
- SPU would like to have a better knowledge of issues in Southeast.
- Combined Sewer Overflow: Southeast has separate pipes for sewage and rainwater. Southeast

has overflows 10-20 times per year which occurs when drainage system is overwhelmed. The goal is to reduce instance of overflows to once per year. SPU is offering incentives to homeowners to install rain barrels or cisterns to reduce roof run-off. Would appreciate help in getting the word out ([WWW.Seattle.rainwise.gov](http://WWW.Seattle.rainwise.gov)).

- Currently there are four main projects in Southeast: Pump station upgrade, pipe work, retrofit on Rainier Ave, retrofit on Henderson and Rainier.
- Shoreline habitat work: pipes have replaced natural streams, depleting Salmon in Lake Washington. SPU is looking at daylighting Mapes Creek. Two major components – installing clean water pipeline for Mapes Creek and creating new stream channel in Beersheba Park. Will be holding community meetings next year.
- NAC member asked about daylighting of Mapes Creek. SPU responded that topography along 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave does not allow for daylighting through that area. Walkway improvements could be made at the same time as ground is dug up to install pipe.
- NAC member asked about water conservation goals. SPU responded that there are programs and incentives for conservation.
- NAC member asked if there were plans to recycle drainage water into drinking water. SPU responded no, but residents can recycle for watering plants, etc.
- NAC member asked about integration between SPU and SDOT. SPU stated that projects depend on existing infrastructure. What works in one area of the city may not work for another. There is a plan to do a coordinated infrastructure study across the City.

#### **Public Comment Period**

- Rainier Beach resident commented that NAC committee only includes three residents of the community. Five residents were censured during the meeting. Would like a meeting on how meetings are structured and run. Would like residents to be allowed to participate fully.

#### **Next Meeting**

- December 15, 2010
- City Departments attending: Department of Neighborhoods and Office of Civil Rights.
- NAC requested to have School District attend a future meeting and discuss school improvement plans.